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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

- 1. (amended) Use a compound having NMDA <u>receptor</u> antagonist activity in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).
- 2. (amended) Use according to claim 1 wherein the compound having NMDA receptor antagonist activity is a non-competitive NMDA receptor antagonist.

